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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Haliburton's 65+ hockey team played hard in their opening match of the Ontario 55+ Winter Games on Feb. 18. For more photos from the day's events, see pages 18 and 19.

Arbitration gets nurses back on the job

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
 Editor

Nearly 500 active staff in the Central East Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) are back to work after an almost three-week strike kept them out of hospitals, long-term care facilities, and away from their community clients.

Since Jan. 30, 3,000 members of the Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) have been on

strike across the province after negotiations with the CCAC for a 1.4 per cent wage increase each year for two years stalled.

Both parties have since agreed to interest arbitration, sending the ONA members back to work on Feb. 17.

"The CCAC employers are taking double-digit wage increases in management salaries," said ONA president Linda Haslam-Stroud.

"We knew the employers were going to freeze us out, and no way they would give us a small

1.4 per on the grid ... We were basically forced out on strike."

Haslam-Stroud said the ONA knew going into negotiations that they wouldn't accept another wage freeze and that the CCAC would not agree to their terms, either.

"We had suggested we forward it to binding interest arbitration months ago, and [the CCAC] adamantly refused," she said.

Gail Scala, director of communications for the Central East CCAC, said her sector has

no requirement to move to arbitration when negotiations stall, unlike hospitals and long-term care facilities she said are mandated by the Hospital Labour Disputes Arbitration Act to take all outstanding matters to binding arbitration.

"The Minister of Health and Long-Term Care urged the CCACs and the ONA to consider arbitration to resolve the wage

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Trial date set in Kennedy murder

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The trial of four men accused of killing Ryan Kennedy in 2011 will start on March 15.

Tin Wai Hong, Mason Gillard-Gatza, Nathaniel Cain and Raphael Guerra each face charges of first-degree murder and attempted murder. The four men are accused of murdering Kennedy, a 21-year-old Minden resident, at a house on South Lake Road on Oct. 19, 2011.

The men were originally tried on

Jan 21, 2014, in Oshawa. However, a mistrial was declared on March 13 and the process put on hold while a new jury was selected. Reasons for the mistrial cannot be reported due to a publication ban imposed on the case.

In a statement to The Highlander, Kennedy's family said they were anxious for closure.

"We are relieved that the court date has finally been set and there will be justice. It has been over three years and we have all been waiting for closure on Ryan's death."

Nurses to hear about pay raise by March 30

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dispute," she said. "Although the CCACs prefer to reach a negotiated solution, we respect the views of the minister and are willing to participate in interest arbitration in order to bring resolution to this dispute."

Both parties will deliver their presentation to the arbitrator by March 5, who will then award a decision by March 30, said Haslam-Stroud.

"We're hoping the arbitrator will see, when we do this presentation, that our workers in the CCAC are entitled to the same things the other ONA members have received," she said. "We're very positive. Our members were quite willing to stay out

there a heck of a lot longer. They had very strong resolve that they weren't going to be treated as second-class cousins, and they want a fair deal. We're hoping that's going to evolve out of the arbitration."

The ONA will not alter its requests from those made during the negotiating process. Haslam-Stroud said they will request the same 1.4 per cent increase for two years as they've already asked for, and will not seek any additional benefits for the employees.

Although Scala said there were plans in place to make sure existing clients did not experience any interruptions in service during the strike, Haslam-Stroud said workers returned on Tuesday to "a chaotic mess."


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Photo submitted by Haliburton County EMS

Haliburton County's ambulances will be redesigned to look more like the ambulances on the left. Compared to the current design (right), the new scheme is more visible at night.

New ambulance design improves visibility

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

The county's emergency medical services (EMS) department is not only moving to a new base in Minden, but their ambulances are getting a redesign to go with it. The redesign will incorporate a highly visible yellow-green scheme used on

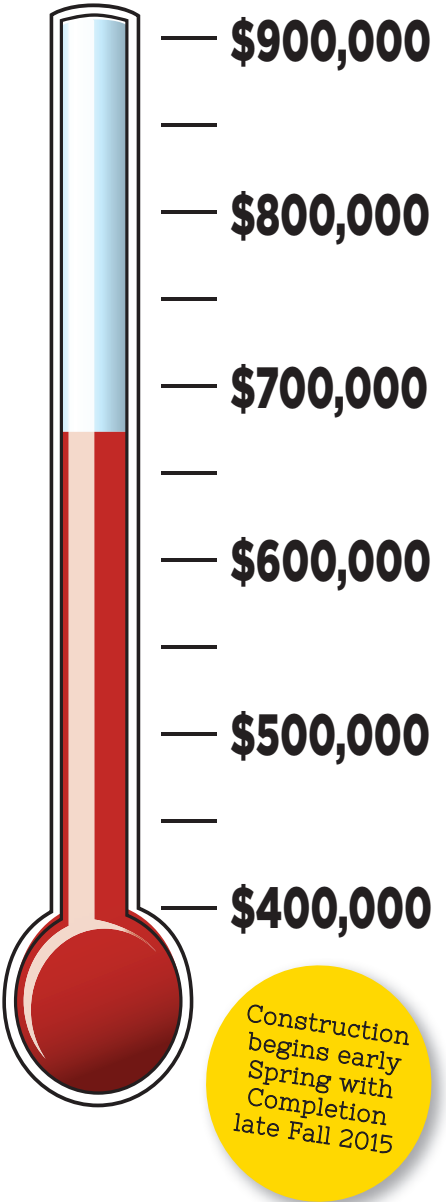
Muskoka EMS and other ambulances. According to Craig Jones, chief and director of emergency services, studies have shown this green is the most eye-catching colour and that it will have the highest visibility day and night in a wide range of weather conditions, increasing paramedic and public safety. The department purchases one vehicle annually for its seven-vehicle fleet and will

detail new purchases only, so the fleet will be fully updated by 2021. The additional expense of the new detailing (approximately \$3,500 versus \$1,500) will be offset by savings from already-approved cost-cutting measures such as moving to gas-powered vehicles from diesel, said Jones. The new design was included in the approved 2015 vehicle purchase cost.



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Editorial opinion

The better angels of our nature

It was almost two years ago that I met my first angel.

Tathan McCutcheon was a student at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, and his mother Bethan was meeting with me to talk about how her son was getting on. Tathan has Angelman Syndrome.

As I interviewed Bethan, I was inspired by the story I was hearing. Classmates rallying around her son, trying to understand his unique condition, and working to help inform the other kids in school. It was a touching story that moved me to my core, and I shared it with The Highlander's readers in my column that week.

I remember taking Tathan's picture that day, too. His friends were gathered around him and all was going well – until a big truck drove by. Tathan bolted to the fence, the biggest of smiles on his face, to watch the truck roar away.

It was clear to me then, as it is today, that this young man and others who share his condition are aware of the world around them. They just see it and interact with it in a different way than we do, and for many that's hard to understand.

But Tathan's friends, their parents, his teachers, and even the wider community are trying to understand him. Him, and others like him who live in Minden. Those include his brother Tecwyn, and a young girl named Harper Tiffin.

This past weekend, the Tiffins and the McCutcheons hosted their second annual Catch the Cure fundraiser for Angelman research. In two years they've raised over \$30,000.

Businesses in Minden changed their signs to promote the event and supported these two local families with donations of cash or auction items. In fact, businesses across the county stepped up.

As for the community itself, many people showed up on Valentine's Day to raise

money and awareness.

All of the money raised was donated directly to FAST, an organization that's spearheading the search for a cure. The Tiffins and McCutcheons deserve kudos for putting together such an incredible event, for fighting to provide a better life for their children.

But so too does Minden deserve a pat on the back for welcoming these families and trying to better understand them.

There was a time when those with mental or physical limitations were segregated from the other kids in school. Parents would keep them at home because they would attract disapproving looks from strangers in public, or worse. Even medical and educational professionals were often uninterested or dismissive of the potential these children have, maybe not to reach the same goals as other kids, but to reach their own goals. And why shouldn't those goals, even when they're as simple as being independent or going to school, be just as important as everyone else's?

In Minden, they are. Here, everybody knows these angels. They talk to them, work to understand them, and they welcome them with open arms. They put their lives on hold to make others aware of how special these children are, and they rally behind the parents who are sometimes tired from the struggle, offering help and support in whatever ways they can.

For one day each year, Catch the Cure puts Minden on the international stage – it is the only event of its kind in Canada. And while you were up there, Minden, you showed the world a community worth aspiring to.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Keeping a high profile

It seems there's never a shortage of high-profile stories emanating from our little county, stories with just the right amount of sex appeal. And when I say sex appeal, I mean stories that generate interest well beyond these borders.

Take the Ontario 55+ Winter Games for example. While the concept of watching some intensive duplicate bridge may not seem particularly exciting on the one hand, the mere fact that this many people are in this area is a huge plus. And that notables like Kurt Browning are attached to it makes it that much more sexy.

To some, the celebrity aspect of something like this might seem negligible. How much direct impact does a "name" like Kurt Browning have? In one sense, a relatively small amount. It's unlikely his name alone brings up any more "heads in beds" to the area.

It's what someone like Kurt Browning does for an area's brand in the long run that makes a high-profile person like him so valuable and vital to this community's future. His participation here in effect shows the calibre of the event and by extension, the calibre of the area.

The same goes for the recent announcement that the Haliburton Forest will host the International Federation of Sled Dog Sports World Championships in 2017. The best mushers in the world will invade us in a couple of years.

A world championship in any sport in a tiny place like this is a huge deal and people need to really consider the big picture when endorsing, or declining to endorse, prominent events like this.

We're all too quick to reject big things that scare us here in Haliburton County. Often it's the scale we can't come to grips with so we try to find to find ways to keep it small and more manageable.

What people need to realize is that all areas, districts and cities – no matter how big or small – face that same dilemma. It's not about

being big, it's about thinking big and being willing to make the attempt.

The City of Toronto, as you have heard so much about in the last 20 years, was trying hard to be regarded as "a world-class city" and eventually, through enough social cohesion, forward thinking and raw ambition, now regularly hosts world-class events like the Toronto International Film Festival, the 2010 G20 Summit (separate the event from the politics surrounding it) and the upcoming Pan Am Games. They dreamed big and pursued their goals with perseverance, confidence and competence.

You may say that's great for a place like Toronto, but the Haliburton Highlands are nowhere near that size and not nearly as resourceful. While those thoughts are accurate, they are also very short-sighted. It's not your size that matters but how much you believe in who you are or, in this case, how much you believe in who you can be. As they say: it's not the size of the dog in the fight but the size of the fight in the dog.

We need to relish and actively pursue things slightly, or even massively, outside of our comfort zone. We need to attack events like this and people beyond our scope if for no other reason than to actually define how big that scope really is. Sure, we won't always be able to service and support the number of ideas we're presented with, but by stretching our collective boundaries we'll learn that we are capable of so much more.

The next time you hear another big plan being hatched or bandied about, let your first reaction be "maybe we can pull this off" rather than the fearful hesitation that seems to be our go-to response. Caution and due diligence are certainly required, but so is ambition and desire. You never know how tall you can be until you stop growing.



By Charlie Teljeur

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Letters to the editor

Time for a reality check

Dear editor,

In her letter dated Feb. 12, Marg Burrows presents a picture of campus politics so misconstrued as to deserve critical comment. Basically, her position is that the Jews on campus suffer systematic racism to the point that they can no longer express themselves. Here in placid Canada, no less! Fortunately Ms. Burrows’ alarm has no basis in reality. Jewish organizations thrive on campuses across Canada. There they hold study circles, maintain places of worship and publish student newspapers. Nowhere do they face restrictions on their freedom to defend Israel in public. It does concern me that Ms. Burrows regards persons of the Hebraic persuasion as constituting a “race.” This view is linked to a pseudo-biological ideology that had catastrophic consequences for the Jewish people in Europe. If there is any lingering need to refute this notion one should read “The Invention of the Jewish People” by the Israeli scholar Shlomo Sand. By “racism” perhaps Ms. Burrows is referring to “anti-Zionism”, which is a widely-shared political position that opposes the occupation of Palestine by Jewish colonizers who justify their violent appropriation on spurious religious grounds. If Ms. Burrows is sincere in her call to love others, then she has no reason

not to open her heart to the plight of the Palestinian people, who suffer mistreatment, imprisonment and torture under the domination of the Israeli state. The Nobel Prize winner, The Most Reverend, Archbishop Emeritus of the Anglican Church of Capetown, Desmond Tutu, has declared that Israel, being guilty of apartheid in its treatment of the Palestinians, should be subject to international boycott, divestment and sanctions. If anybody is an expert on the subject of apartheid, surely it is Archbishop Tutu, who lived under a similar regime in South Africa. Finally, it should not pass notice that Ms. Burrows supports her case by mentioning the many deaths inflicted upon the Christian community by what she calls the “Islamic State”. In fact, ISIS is a rebel movement officially opposed by every Arab government in the Middle East. Moreover, ISIS operatives have killed far more Muslims than Christians to this point, so Ms. Burrows should not try to stir up further trouble by fuelling that unloving fantasy of a Clash of Civilizations, which cunningly sets the two great Abrahamic faiths against one another.

Douglas Smith
Blairhampton

Photo of the week



Photo by Andrea Pepe

That's no bird.

Palestinian people deserve fair treatment

Dear editor,

Marg Burrows is right. We must love others, and not force religion on anyone. But she is mistaken about Israeli Apartheid Week. Its purpose is to expose and correct the discriminatory practices of the current Israeli government in Israel and

the occupied territories. Palestinians, whether Christian or Muslim, have few rights. The expansion of settlements onto Palestinian land has been condemned by the whole world, but still continues. Even humanitarian aid has been blocked on the pretense that it may be turned into weapons.

The Israeli government does not want to share the Holy Land with other faiths. Their own people get the best land, most of the water, and roads of their own where no Palestinian can go, even in life-or-death emergencies. To oppose these policies is not to demonize the Jews, but to demand

a return to traditional Judaic principles of fair-dealing and just treatment of all.

Tom Needham
Kashagawigamog Lake

Lost and hound

Jeff’s gone. Those of you in the know said that he would. They said that he was a hound, that he’d never come to my call. They said we’d never be able to let him off the leash, never be able to just allow him to pop out into the yard to do his business, and I guess they were right. Trouble is, I had other ideas. I had some kind of pompous English superiority complex, some dumb confidence that Jeff would come back to us. I mean, we are the folks who took him in when he’d proved himself a failure as a hunting dog. We are the people who let him come indoors, instead of living in a kennel. We let him sleep on the couch for Pete’s sake! And we give him treats of chopped up steak when he complies with our terribly plummy English, ‘SIT!’ (imagine the Queen saying it to a corgi and you got the accent). But, as with many things in my life, I was wrong. Dead wrong. Jeff saw his chance and took it. We’d walked him on a leash for three months and let him out in the garden on a long chain but no dog, especially not an athletic hound such as Jeff, should be denied

the chance to run as fast as he can. And so we decided to give it a try, let him off the leash, trust him to come back. It started out as funny, watching him saunter out of the patio door for a pee, only to realize that we had not fastened him to his chain. Seeing him look back at us, his whole body language seemed to say, “really? No chain?” Then we watched Jeff sprint joyously around the house at least three times, his big brown ears flapping wildly in the frigid wind, his coat shining in the vivid winter sunshine. Jeff was running so fast that to us it seemed that his feet hardly touched the ground. It was magical. But things got a little worrisome when he headed off across the frozen river and into the tag alders. “It’s OK, I can still see him,” I called to my lovely wife, as I tramped about in thigh deep drifts trying to keep tabs on our Jeff. Realization quickly hit, however, that there was no way that I could keep up with him, even when he was just trotting through the snow sniffing from tree to tree. And then he got on a scent and that was the last that I saw of him.

Gone. No amount of calling could entice Jeff to come back, or even to come within visual range. He was on tour, on a mission, and he had no intention of heeding my calls. I walked through the bush for about an hour, until I was tired and sweating hard, my voice raw from shouting. I had to turn around and get home before I froze on this -20C morning. Back, changed and in the car, I drove back and forth along the road parallel to where I imagined Jeff would run. I visited neighbours and my lovely wife posted a forlorn ‘Lost Dog’ plea on Facebook (it got ‘liked’ a lot, which seemed kinda weird to me). Now, four hours later I’m sitting in my office writing this missive, not quite knowing what to do, and not really concentrating on my writing (sorry if it’s not up to par). I feel strange, sort of sad but also hopeful. You never know someone mig..... Sorry. I stopped mid-sentence, mid-word, there didn’t I? But forgive me, I looked up as I was typing and I saw my ‘lost dog’ out of the window. There he was at the bottom of the garden. First it was puffs of hot breath rising above the drifts and then, stood on a

mound of snow, Jeff! I’m covered in snow now and my fingers are numb because I’ve just raced outside, plunged through snow drifts and tag alder branches in my shirt sleeves to get our errant hound back on a leash. I called him as I ran down the garden, “JEFF! JEFF! HERE BOY.” And he came back. Jeff came back, sprinting just as fast as four hours previously. He was steaming and panting on the top, icicle clad on the bottom. He was glad to be back but still utterly excited about his run. He’s sitting beneath my desk now licking his feet. I hope he’s enjoyed his run but I also hope he’s wised up about four hour jaunts through the bush in wintertime. Perhaps that’s giving Jeff too much credit. Perhaps we shouldn’t let him out unleashed again. But then again, he did find his way home. Jeff’s got more about him than some folks would have me think. My hound came back everyone. Jeff’s back!



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *How do you feel about the Ontario Nurses Association negotiations going to arbitration?*



Richard Wilding
Haliburton

I had one come to my house and she helped look after my wife.

Bethalin Callfas
Minden

Personally, I know nurses and they work their butts off. It is very taxing physically and emotionally. Nurses are much-needed.



Margaret Watson
Minden

I think that they should fight for what they want. With the nurses now doing more and more of the doctors' work, they do deserve what they are asking for. It is not that much.



Beatrice Alton
Minden

I think that they deserve it. They do what they can and they look after people.



Ross Jarvis
Mountain Lake

I think that the 1.4 per cent wage increase should be given to them. Anyone that does the work that they do deserves it.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

R Minden to start saving for next election

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Minden Hills is looking at increasing its annual contribution to reserves for the 2018 municipal election.

With the addition of Internet and telephone voting in the most recent election, the township incurred almost \$59,000 in expenses. The 2010 election, which was vote-by-mail, came in at a cost of \$32,000.

During a Feb. 12 council meeting, interim clerk Cheryl McCarroll recommended that council increase the annual contribution, which historically has been \$10,000. The second draft budget, which has yet to be passed, includes a \$15,000 contribution for 2015.

"We certainly saw a change in this election with multiple methods," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, who asked McCarroll if some of the same expenses, such as training and technological fees, would be incurred four years from now.

"Yes, we will incur them," she said, adding that "there were some initial

outputs that won't be incurred in 2018."

In looking at McCarroll's report, councillor Jeanne Anthon asked why there weren't any allocations for wages and benefits in the 2010 election. McCarroll explained that all of the work was done internally, with the exception of the counting of the ballots on election night.

Councillor Jeanne Neville said she was "disappointed" to see election expenses rise by \$26,000, but voter turnout drop with more voting methods.

According to McCarroll's report, voter turnout was 42 per cent in comparison to the 2010 election's 45 per cent. However, she was "very pleased" with the turnout of seniors and younger people.

What she felt had a negative impact on the numbers was the fact that eligible voters weren't able to vote online until a week after receiving their letters in the mail.

"I think that was a big error," she said. "I think for next time that would be the biggest recommendation – that we make sure it's active when they're received."

Council will vote on the amount at a Feb. 26 meeting.

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Highlander news

Good lake stewardship pays off: CHA chair

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association's (CHA) only goal is to protect the county's lakes, and their efforts are benefitting the local economy and attracting increasing numbers of property owners to the cause.

The coalition focuses on improving septic and shoreline health to improve the overall condition of local lakes. In an update to county council at its Feb. 19 meeting, chair Paul MacInnes reported that just to maintain existing lake health, 75 per cent of the shoreline must have natural vegetation reaching at least 30 metres back.

In 2014 the CHA evaluated 2,486 lots on 11 lakes under its shoreline reclassification and restoration project. In comparison, 800 lots were evaluated in Muskoka and 1,000 in the Kawarthas, according to MacInnes.

The CHA conducted the evaluations with the help of county staff, two interns, software and advice from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and in partnership with U-Links Centre for Community-based Research, an organization that works with Trent University to provide research resources to the county.

MacInnes reported the project's economic benefit to the county comes from two sources: evaluator stays and naturalization expenditures. This summer, 22 people from Trent will support the economy while they stay 10 days at Shalom on the Lake, with meals catered by Sage Pantry. The CHA hopes to achieve five per cent renaturalization on evaluated lakes once property owners receive their reports, which would represent \$1.2 million in business for local landscape designers, nurseries and landscapers.

The project has already brought in more than 100 new volunteers and even more lake association memberships, said MacInnes. Evaluators are trained to engage people in conversation about the project and they take part in local CHA events. As a direct result, last year a couple that had never volunteered for their lake association spent so much time

with evaluators that they became passionate advocates, and one association alone enrolled more than 100 new members.

Property owners on lakes evaluated in 2014 such as Redstone, Drag, Boshkung and Kashagawigamog are expected to receive their reports in April or early May. MacInnes added the reports will include a free half-page advertisement for the Volunteer Dental Outreach, the CHA's charity for 2015, to help the organization reach more property owners.

In 2015, the CHA hopes to evaluate 2,000 lots on six lakes – Kawagama, Halls, Big and Little Hawk, Bear and Kushog lakes. MacInnes reported the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada will fund 80 per cent of the cost to re-naturalize five municipally-owned lots as demonstration sites on lakes evaluated last year.

The CHA will meet Feb. 24 with the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and the Haliburton County Development Corporation to talk about ways to encourage local businesses to capture the economic opportunity of these lot re-naturalizations, said MacInnes.

"It's the start of a process. We'll be working on that over the next number of years."

The CHA website currently includes resources to help property owners find local businesses for re-naturalization projects.

MacInnes told councillors the CHA has raised \$225,000 out of a total project cost of approximately \$300,000, in part from government funding and from having received most of the funds remaining in the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council's account when that organization shut down.

MacInnes closed by suggesting the county propose one or more lot re-naturalizations for federal 2017 Sesquicentennial project funding as "a kind of a tribute to our 150 years of protection for the next 150."

In answer to questions from council, MacInnes reported that about 50 lakes have signed up for lot evaluations. The CHA expects property owners on the lakes to be evaluated in 2015 to receive notification letters in April.

Updated landfill cards to eliminate illegal dumping

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

New landfill cards should soon be making their way to property owners in Minden Hills.

Ivan Ingram, environmental and property operations manager for the township, recommended that council approve the purchase and distribution of the new card, which will come into effect July 1.

In a written report to council, Ingram noted that the current cards haven't been updated since 2008.

"To ensure that only current property

owners are using the landfills, the township occasionally redesigns its landfill cards by changing the card colour," he said. "This helps to eliminate illegal use of our landfills by persons that may not actually own property in Minden Hills."

The new cards will be distributed in the 2015 interim tax bill. The old card will be accepted up until July 1.

Ingram recommended printing 15,000 cards at a cost of \$1,100. The expense has been included in the 2015 draft budget.

Council will vote on the recommendation at the Feb. 26 regular meeting.

Minden considers Greenway funding

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The coordinator of a new initiative to link together Toronto and Algonquin Park is seeking financial or in-kind support from local municipalities.

On Feb. 12, Pamela Marsales approached Minden Hills council with a request for \$1,000 in cash or in-kind support for the new project, which is expected to create an "international style greenway to hike, bike and paddle."

"This is something that's very popular in Europe and the United States," explained Marsales.

"This will act as a model for that international greenway style that we already know is going to be picked up by the Waterfront Trail and the Trans Canada Trail."

According to the Oxford Dictionary, a greenway is defined as "an undeveloped strip of land in an urban area, usually including a trail and following a natural feature such as a river or ridge."

Known as Toronto to Algonquin Greenway (TAG), the project will link existing parks, paths and excursion routes. According to Marsales's presentation, Snowdon Park in Minden Hills and Hike Haliburton will be showcased.

TAG is a project of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative.

Marsales said TAG currently has a

"strong" application in the works for a Community Innovations collaborative grant through the Eastern Ontario Development Program.

"What we'll be looking at is forming beneficial partners to help the communities in Haliburton County, and specifically today Minden Hills," she said, pointing out that 300 potential partners have been identified thus far.

In a letter to council, Marsales noted that TAG won't be involved in trail building, operation or management.

"The concept provides an opportunity to promote all the various components to a broader audience," she wrote. "TAG has the potential to create and coordinate a network of partnerships offering a 'value-add' to many existing community initiatives."

Marsales is also asking each of the other municipalities for the same contribution, along with \$2,000 from the county's tourism department.

If successful in receiving matching funds from the EODP grant, a total of \$10,000 would be rolled into a Mountain Equipment Co-op Capacity Building grant to fund the coordinator's position.

"That will really help us get this project going," she said, adding that future plans include securing five years worth of funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin said council would consider the request in upcoming budget deliberations.



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Highlander news

Flying the flag for autism

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Minden Hills has been asked to join other municipalities across the province to “raise the flag” for Autism Awareness Day.

In a letter to CAO Lorrie Blanchard, Autism Ontario invited the township to proclaim April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day and raise the organization’s flag to display their support.

This will be the third year that Canadians observe World Autism Awareness Day.

“By participating in our 2015 ‘Raise the Flag’ campaign, you are increasing public awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and the day-to-day issues faced by people with autism and their families,” stated the letter from Autism Ontario’s Raise the Flag committee.

The committee is asking municipalities to register online by March 13 so they can mail out flags to municipalities that need one.

“It seems like a noble thing,” said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin.

Council will make a decision regarding the request at their Feb. 26 regular meeting.



Photo by Lisa Harrison

The new EMS base is nearing completion.

County EMS base to open in April

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Work on the new emergency medical services (EMS) base on Highway 35 is still on track for an April 1 opening, according to Craig Jones, chief and director of emergency services.

The building’s siding, garage doors, soffit, fascia and trough have been installed and the Haliburton County Paramedic Service sign has been mounted on the west exterior wall.

“Electrical is generally complete,” said Jones. “A couple of light fixtures were back ordered, but they should be installed and in place by [Feb.] 26. The generator service is

getting pulled in today [Feb. 17]. Once the hydro is connected we will be able to test the generator along with the rest of the systems.”

The space is now ready for the plumbing fixtures and Jones said he expected those to be “generally complete” by Feb. 20.

According to monthly project reports to county council from Jones, the county has received change orders totalling \$79,314.19 to date for additional work outside the scope of the original request for proposals. These costs will be charged to the contingency fund of \$125,599, which is 10 per cent of the contractor’s quote.

Among these changes are extension of the existing sanitary sewer line (\$30,297.58),

wiring the entrance security keypad with an accessible door opening mechanism (\$511.50), blasting and removing a large rock formation in the center of the building footprint (\$33,550.00), installation of phone and internet services which was not included in the original RFP (approximately \$3,000), and winter construction and heating required due to delays of about three months for items such as provincial approvals (\$5,526.55).

“At this point there are no known reasons for any further charges,” said Jones.

County staff and the county’s project manager, AECOM, review change orders prior to approval to ensure expenses are reasonable for the work required.

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COTW/Council

February 26

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March 12

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Payments received after February 17th may not be reflected on your tax bill. Overdue amounts do not include penalty/interest for March.

Property owners are responsible to provide to the Municipal Office written notification of any address change.

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Please contact our office if you have not received your bill(s) prior to the March due date or for a current balance update.

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ODRAP Review

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is undertaking a review of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP) to ensure the program design and criteria reflect current needs in addressing extreme weather events. As part of the review, the ministry is inviting public input. A consultation on the program is open on the ministry's website until March 4, at www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page10831.aspx.

Open to all who wish to share their comments or experience with ODRAP.

Comments can be submitted through the ministry website or to ODRAPConsultation@ontario.ca.

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Highlander business



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B&B celebrates twenty years

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Over the past two decades, Sally Moore and Jan Clarke have learned a lot about people, the Haliburton Highlands and what it takes to run a successful bed and breakfast.

On April 1 the pair will officially celebrate 20 years of providing accommodations and experiences to visitors from near and far at Sunny Rock B&B.

"My life was camp and that meant that I hoped to find a property that I could open a summer camp," recalled Moore, who was a camp director for many years in the area before embarking on her own venture.

"There was a reality check in there that I got to a point in my career where I found I really needed to be working with somebody other than children," she chuckled.

Originally from Montreal, Moore retired from the Bark Lake Leadership Centre in August of 2005. At that time she reached a point in her life where being surrounded by teenagers just wasn't for her.

"There's just a point when you need to do something for yourself, and do something different," she said.

She came across a private residence on Scotts Dam Road in Minden and connected with the owner at the time, Rob Heming.

"They did a great deal of work on the house," she said, pointing out that the home was previously owned by the bank and the development corporation. It also had several private owners.

Heming wanted to move his family elsewhere because of an employment opportunity and Moore was eager to embark on her new dream. The two discussed their plans and Moore made an offer that Heming accepted.

"It was a huge investment, but I wouldn't look back on it in any way," she said.

With the support of her partner, Moore had two old buildings on the property torn down. The Pine Studio was built in 1998 and an addition was put on the main building in 2003.

Her initial vision was to open an adult retreat centre.



Photo by Mark Arike

Sally Moore, left, and Jan Clarke stand on the deck of their B&B, which will be celebrating 20 years in the Highlands this April.

"In order to do that, we needed to take a two-bathroom house and make it into something safe and different," explained Moore. "That took a lot of that early renovation that needed to happen."

The complex has been a work in progress, with small improvements being made over the last 20 years to make the bed and breakfast what it is today.

Moore joked that the original building was built by a Finnish man, therefore "it's often been said that we aren't finished."

For Moore, the business side of things came naturally. However, Clarke has acted as her conscience, voicing her opinions on important decisions.

"I'm the front of the house, she's the back of the house," said Moore.

Clarke continues to work part-time in Toronto but spends her weekends in the Highlands. As Moore puts it, Clarke would "add her charm to the place."

The most important thing Moore has come to learn over the years is the value of the brand.

"Sunny Rock, I think, has a fairly strong brand to the business community and to our circle," she said, referring to guests, visitors and other people they have closely interacted with over the years.

When they first opened, Moore spread the word to her network of contacts in Toronto. She also invested a lot of time in getting to know people in the community.

"I was learning a great deal about the community," she said. "I was becoming known in the community for business decisions – or if you wanted to know the truth about something, Sally would probably tell you."

For the past 12 years, Moore has led the Haliburton Highlands Bed and Breakfast Group. The organization is made up of several local B&Bs, all of which are members of the Federation of the Ontario Bed and Breakfast Accommodation.

By doing so, she has constantly kept the group's members in the know about tourism-related issues that directly affect the area.

Over the years, Sunny Rock's guests have included visitors from all parts of the world and several celebrities.

Although she won't divulge names, notable guests have included musicians, actors, writers, comedians, mentalists and impersonators.

According to Moore, guests tend to rave about Sunny Rock's wholesome breakfasts and the fact that local products are part of their dining experiences. The picturesque view, wildlife and nearby outdoor adventures also make for a memorable stay.

"I want everyone to know that this is a little piece of Heaven at the end of a country road," said Moore.

For more information about Sunny Rock visit sunnyrock.on.ca.

Walker's Home Hardware expanding

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Jerry Walker wants to give shoppers every opportunity to spend their money locally.

To that end, the owner of Walker's Home Hardware has expanded his store in Haliburton to add a new showroom for bathrooms and appliances. The former Karate dojo below Home Hardware is in the midst of a renovation. When complete, it will house a 2,300 square-foot showroom with complete bathroom displays and a new line of appliances.

"Home Hardware has been encouraging their dealers to look at appliances," Walker said. "Over the summer, I contemplated it with their encouragement, and thought it might not be a bad idea."

Wayne de Jong, the former owner of Newbatt's Appliances in Haliburton, had

been talking about retirement and closing his business.

"That business has been around here for almost 50 years," said Walker. "It'd be a shame to shut it down, and [buying it] let me move forward quicker than expected."

The two worked out a deal that saw Walker purchase the business from de Jong in December. He will stay on with Walker's Home Hardware to work in the appliances department.

"He's going to work with us on the appliances," said Walker. "As we move forward to our new showroom in the basement, it was going to be set up as bathworks anyway, with big full displays. The appliances were going to be part of that as well, so we married it all together."

When shoppers enter the store, they will be able to walk through a complete bathroom display that will show the price tag of each

item. For example, they'll view a complete \$2,500 bathroom, or a \$5,000 bathroom, and mix and match the items they like from each.

Flooring will also be displayed in the new showroom, along with Home Hardware's new line of Beauti-tone paints.

"It will be a nice showroom for bathrooms and appliances," he said. "I'm excited about it."

Walker's main line of appliances will be Frigidaire, but through Home Hardware he has access to the complete lineup of Electrolux, Whirlpool, GE, LG, KitchenAid, Unique, and Danby appliances as well.

"It gives us a good range," said Walker.

A soft opening of the showroom is scheduled for April, while a big grand opening celebration will happen in May, he said.

"It's just another reason to keep people in Haliburton, and that's my main goal."

Highlander arts

Dabble baby, dabble

I was asked recently whether I considered myself an artist, a writer, or a photographer. I was asked by a friend who said that if he had to introduce me to someone he wouldn't know what to call me.

In response to my friend I mumbled something to the effect that he, and they, could call me George. But the question bothered me. The truth is that I'm often asking myself that very same question. I've changed my mind on this topic numerous times. One day I'm an artist and the next day I'm not.

It's a dilemma I have, and I don't think I'm alone. Many people love to create in different media. I think that traditionally, an artist in any discipline is a person who relies on a good deal of technical knowledge. But rules governing how art is created have changed with the times. Personally I abstain from as much technique as I can get away with.

The reason that I reject a lot of technique, whether it's in the areas of photography or writing, is because I simply do not want to be influenced by technical knowledge of how to do things. I prefer to confront each project with only a little knowledge in order to be as original as possible, if that makes sense.

Of course a modicum of knowledge is necessary in any discipline, but I would not advocate for writers (presuming they already had a basic understanding of language and its structure) to take many courses on how to write. If they do that they're forever influenced by the lessons learned, and it's almost impossible to unlearn. I believe you learn how to write by writing. You develop

your own technique or skillset. I guess I just don't like a lot of ready-made rules in any of the arts.

There's that word: the 'arts.' It's a word, very often capitalized, that is used as a broad-stroke collective to include all those disciplines that have their own individual names, such as sculptor, potter, dancer, photographer, musician, actor, director and writer, etc. So in the broad sense, all members of those individual disciplines can call themselves artists. In the broad sense then I guess I too am an artist. But nowadays, when asked, I usually say "I'm a writer." Except of course when I have a showing of some of my abstract photos. Then I call myself an abstract photographer.

Some people, who are stuck in old-school notions, might consider me a dilettante, which my Word dictionary describes as a dabbler, or an amateur. While nobody wants to be called a dilettante due to the negative connotations, I don't see anything wrong with dabbling or with being an amateur. Can works of art be created by dabbling? Yes, they can. Can works of art be created by amateurs? Most definitely. Most of the artists in this county are amateurs if you consider that they don't make a living strictly from their art.

But my tongue is only gently pressed against the inside of my cheek when I say that to my mind there's not enough dabbling going on. Dabbling can be a way of discovering to what extent you want to immerse yourself in any discipline, or it can simply be a method for some spontaneous self-expression.

What's Up

You might be wondering what all this has to do with the Highlands. A lot, because I see way too much technique exhibited in our Highlands galleries, and not nearly enough originality. Too much structure, and emphasis on technique, can kill originality and the sheer joy (most obvious in children) that comes from those initial forays into colour, when putting brush to surface, or when experiencing the squelch and sensuality of cold clay. So yes, I advocate much dabbling in all disciplines, and if you simply like dabbling then just dabble. You might be surprised with what you come up with. If truth be told, Picasso's foray into ceramics amounted to little more than dabbling, but we should all be so talented as to dabble like Picasso.

In summation, I propose the construction of a new word for a person who cannot comfortably use a single descriptor to define what it is that they do, or for a person who creates works of art by dabbling across the arts spectrum. Searching for the word, I whimsically envision a local arts scene a few years from now, where a new movement called Dabbism has given the Highlands its own, truly unique artistic identity. So, I hereby enter Dabbism and Dabbist into the arts vernacular.

Ha ha. Dabble baby, dabble.



By George Farrell

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.

HCPL's TOP FICTION

1. *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins
2. *Crash and Burn* by Lisa Gardner
3. *Motive* by Jonathan Kellerman

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1. *Inherit Midnight* by Kate Kae Myers (YA)
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Highlander life



Photos by Heather Kennedy and Justin Tiffin

Above: Some of the Angels and their families gather together to smile for the camera. Right: Rex Campbell, 3, from Brampton, proudly shows the \$625 he raised for the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics during the Catch the Cure event on Feb. 14.

Angels feel the love from Minden

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The community showed the second annual Catch the Cure event some love on Valentine's Day, raising over \$10,000 for Angelman Syndrome (AS).

"We kind of wake up on the day of Catch the Cure terrified that no one will show up, but then people start flowing through the doors before the event even begins," said

Sue Tiffin, event organizer and mother to Harper, a two-year-old girl with AS.

Tiffin organized the event with the MCutcheons, Minden residents with two sons who have AS.

"The support of everyone – from friends to family to strangers – really makes us feel like the excitement of the event is beneficial for families outside of our own."

Held at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena, the one-day event included a silent auction, scavenger hunt, public skating, a live

performance from Carl Dixon and a spaghetti dinner provided by the Minden Lions Club.

Tiffin said that about 400 people attended the fundraiser, included several Minden Hills councillors.

"We're really proud that the community comes together to show enthusiasm either by attending or donating or just reading more about what AS is so that everyone can interact more with our kids and understand better their challenges and the challenges of

anyone with disabilities. That makes us feel so fortunate to live here," she said.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics (FAST).

According to FAST, AS is a neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by profound developmental delays, problems with motor coordination and balance, and epilepsy. About one in 15,000 live births are affected by the disorder.



Garden will pay tribute to dedicated supporters

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

When one of their former staff members suddenly passed away, the staff and volunteers at Community Care (now Community Support Services) decided to not only honour her life but also recognize the contributions of those who came before her.

Maureen Ruttig, director of the organization, conceived the idea of a memorial garden shortly after the untimely death of Kalie Ma. The project was made possible due to a generous bequeathment from a local woman who will remain unnamed at this time.

Since the former not-profit organization was in the process of integrating with Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), Ruttig began pondering ways to honour the past and move forward into the

future while maintaining "the heart and soul of Community Care."

Born in Hong Kong, Ma immigrated to Canada 10 years ago. In Haliburton she became involved with Community Care as a volunteer before accepting the position of program assistant.

"Kalie always had a smile on her face and did everything with such gusto," said Ruttig.

Lee MacLean, vice president of the former Community Care board, also recalled some of her fondest memories of Ma.

"She was the dynamo who coordinated the Scotty Morrison tournament last year," said MacLean. "We couldn't believe what she had done. It was just amazing."

She also headed up Wii bowling sessions for seniors on Tuesday mornings and worked alongside volunteer coordinator Brigitte Gebauer.

Last August, police recovered Ma's body

from Head Lake. She was 33 years old.

Her death hit the entire Community Care family very hard, said Ruttig, adding that Ma battled depression.

The garden will pay tribute to Ma and all those individuals who helped build the organization's foundation over the past 32 years and contribute to its continued success.

The idea was presented at a board meeting and MacLean issued a call for tenders. Of the three applications received, Minden-based business Wall Flower Studio won the tender.

Once the spring arrives and the snow melts, construction of the garden will be underway.

"We're going to get down to business," smiled Ruttig.

The garden, which will take up a large portion of the backyard, will include a variety of perennials, a pea gravel path and a bench. A couple of trees and plaques

will be erected in memory of Ma and the woman who left the organization a sizeable bequeathment.

Ruttig explained that phase two of the project could include the installation of raised garden beds in partnership with local organizations such as Abbey Gardens. Another hope is to provide the public social recreational activities in the garden.

"It's a nice way to integrate the Community Support Services division with the remainder of HHHS – like the long-term care facility that's here," said Ruttig, pointing out that the garden would be within walking distance for residents of Highland Wood.

"It's not just for this division, it's for the whole organization and the community."

Provided all goes to plan, MacLean expects the garden to open at the beginning of August.

Highlander life



By Matthew Desrosiers

Cash for Care awards early bird prize

The first name has been drawn in the Cash for Care Lottery. On Feb. 13, Peter Varty of Haliburton became this year's first winner in the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's (HHHSF) annual fundraiser. His ticket, a Christmas present, was drawn by HHHSF board member Steve McLean. Varty won \$500. So far, HHHSF executive director Dale Walker said around 60 per cent of tickets have been sold for the lottery. Still to come are two more early bird draws on March 17 and April 30, for \$500 and \$1,000 respectively. On May 22, the main prizes will be drawn for \$1,000, \$2,000, \$5,000, and the grand prize of \$15,000. Tickets are still on sale for \$25 each, or five for \$100. Tickets are available at Minden Canadian Tire, Dollo's Foodland, and TD Canada Trust. In Haliburton, tickets can be purchased at the Bank of Montreal, Todd's Independent, and Haliburton Foodland. For more information, or for tickets, contact the ticket hotline at 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580.

Pictured above: Peter Oyer (left) and Steve McLean draw the first winning ticket in the 2015 Cash for Care Lottery Draw on Feb. 13.

Through my eyes Feeling the years



By Austin McGillion

A few days back I was helping my grandmother get firewood. We ended up having to go half of a mile out into the snow to gather wood and bring it back by sled.

This task was a heavily exerting one, and I ended up pinching a nerve in my hip region. The injury made it so I was unable to help with tasks for the following two days. I have never felt greater frustration with my inability to function properly. I had to carry wood from the door to the wood box instead of going out to the shed and bringing it into the house. I could barely walk and every step was painful.

I sat idly by as my grandmother had to do most of the chores. I felt angry that I couldn't help her do them like I normally could. I finally understood some of the frustration of getting older, when your body doesn't want to work the way it should. Every time I would stand up it felt like someone was branding my bones.

I woke up today feeling much better but I now have some insight into the struggle people like my grandmother force themselves through every day. Sadly, from the day we are born we are growing but at a certain point the clock reverses and we start to decay as is the natural cycle of all living things.

We live, we enjoy our time on this planet and we pass on. We give what was taken from the earth back to its home. No matter the exercise we do, the food we eat, the

steps we take to clean good health, it only serves to prolong the inevitable.

Doctors seek ways to reverse the effects of aging and I just don't understand why. When I first moved here, I feared dying because I never wanted to leave my life behind to move on to the unknown. However, I now realize if you've lived your life to the fullest and enjoyed yourself completely, experienced profound joy you never thought possible, and have loved beyond compare, then what are we afraid of?

I pose this question to you: was your life lived without regrets? Did you enjoy the time you spent on this Earth? And if you could, would you go back and live it all over?

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'Village' people take the plunge

By Mark Arike
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The cold couldn't stop 40 brave dippers from going for a splash in Head Lake during the third annual Polar Bear Challenge on Feb. 14.

The third annual event raised approximately \$14,000 – \$9,000 of which will go to the Sick Kids eye project and \$5,000 for the Haliburton hospital's new palliative care centre.

"The amount raised was the most ever for this event so it is obviously becoming a very popular part of Frost Fest," said Haliburton Lions Club member Jim Frost.

Frost noted that the grand total hasn't been finalized yet as donations continue to trickle in online and by mail.

Several participants sported colourful costumes while others took the plunge in nothing more than a pair of swimming trunks. Whether they entered as part of a team or on their own, each was challenged to collect pledges in order to take part.

All of the action included colour commentary from Canoe FM personalities Lorraine McNeil and Mike Jaycock. Volunteer firefighters dressed in wet suits were on scene to ensure the safety of each participant.

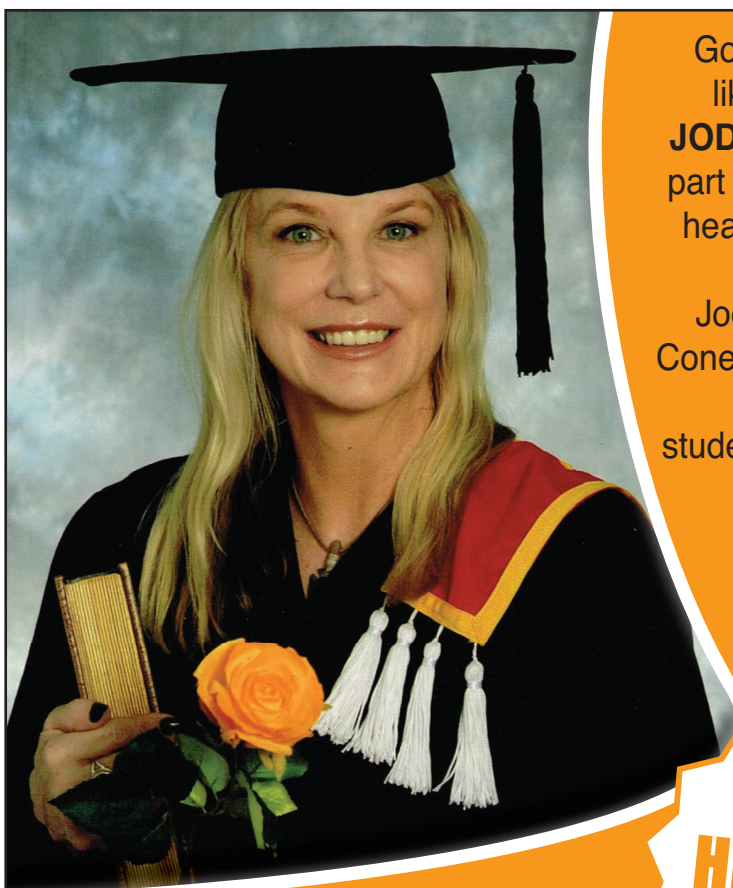
"[We] had a lot of comments from spectators that it's a great event to watch," said Frost.

In its first two years, the frigid fundraiser solely benefitted the Sick Kids eye project.

Prizes, which were donated by local retailers, were awarded for best costume, most individual pledges and team pledges. This year's winners were: Margaret and Ashley Zahn (team pledges), Maggie Harris (top female pledges), Rick Lowes (top male pledges), Alix Vedris (best female costume) and Andrew Flowers (best male costume).

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Top: A team transforms into the Village People and performs the YMCA dance after taking the plunge. Left: A couple goes for the Valentine's Day kiss.



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Highlander sports

Minden CARQUEST Auto Midget B Girls

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Minden CARQUEST Auto Midget B Girls wrapped up their first round of league playoffs Friday night in Haliburton against the Lindsay Lynx.

The Storm won the four-point series 4-0 with their second win, Friday night, by a score of 3-2. Brynn Meyers gave the Storm an early first period lead putting the puck into the net off a goalmouth scramble. Kenndal Marsden made it 2-0 late in the first with a quick wrister beating the Lindsay tender glove-side. A powerplay marker made the score 3-0 in the second period with Kenndal Marsden's one-timer snap shot off a sweet pass from Cassidy Garbutt.

The pesky Lynx never gave up and capitalized on a bouncing seeing-eye puck that found its way into the back of the net midway through the third period. The Storm had trouble finding their first period up-tempo gear as they tried to close out the game. Lindsay made the game a nail-biter off a ricochet puck drawing close at 3-2 with less than two minutes to play. The Storm defence stepped up and shut down any further Lynx attacks to secure the win and take the first round series. The Storm will now face the West Northumberland Wild in Round 2.

The Storm also started their provincial playdowns last Thursday night on the road against the Keene Wolverines. The four-game series against Keene, Cold Creek, Peterborough, and West

Northumberland, will determine who represents our region at the provincial playdowns.

The Storm girls battled the Wolverines in a hard-fought contest. After two scoreless periods, Kelsey Maracle put the Strom up 1-0 early in the third period with a quick snap shot that beat the Keene tender low blocker-side. Keene had a chance to tie the game midway through the third period with a breakaway, but Connor Marsden stoned the Wolverine sniper to maintain the lead. With the Keene goalie pulled and less than a minute left in the game, Kenndal Marsden iced the win with an empty netter. The top team in this round robin play format will advance to the All-Ontario Provincial Midget B weekend championship at the end of March.

Our record to date for the season, including league play, tournaments, playoffs and playdowns, is a stellar 26-1-3!

Smolen Dentistry Bantam A

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

The Storm gave Game 2 to the Gananoque Islanders, 5-2. They managed to take Game 3 in overtime, 3-2, giving them a 2-1 lead in the series. Both games were played in Haliburton, Saturday and Sunday of the long weekend.

It started off extremely exciting, both teams aggressively working hard to dominate. It was Gananoque that delivered, taking a 4-1 lead by the end of the second. The Storm's first goal was

well-earned. A hard rush by Cooper and a pass to Schmidt, who snuck his shot under the goalie, put the home team on the board. Gananoque came out strong in the third period with another goal. Midway through the period, Manning rushed and managed a shot past the goalie, unassisted. The Storm worked hard and was left with a respectable lost.

The next day, the Storm buckled down and was prepared for the Islanders. It took tenacious effort early in the first to grasp the lead. Devyn Prentice moved the puck to Patterson-Smith, who pushed past the defence and fired a shot over the goalie. Shortly after, the Islanders tied it up. A battle around the net resulted in a goal by Schmidt, assisted by Manning and Cooper. The back-and-forth action continued late into the third. With minutes left, the Islanders tied it up, sending the game into overtime. The Storm fought vigorously for the puck and was rewarded with a fortuitous bounced that gave Schmidt the game-winning goal.

Minden Pharmasave Peewee A

Submitted by Jennifer Little

The Highland Storm Minden Pharmasave Peewee A team faced off against the Stirling Blues in the second round of playoffs, winning the series in three straight.

On Feb. 14, the boys travelled to Stirling to face off for the first game of the series. After a long car ride and not playing a game in over two weeks, the

boys got off to a slow start but quickly found their legs, finishing with a 4-3 win in overtime. Goals were scored by Isaac Little, Zach Morissette, Braeden Robinson and Alex Little, with assists by Nigel Smith, Ryan Hall, Aaron Bellefleur, Paul Turner and Benn MacNaull.

On Feb. 15, the Storm played host in Haliburton for game two of the series. The Minden Pharmasave Peewee A's made the home crowd proud with a 7-4 win. Goals were scored by Smith (2), Morissette (2), Alex Little, Tyson Clements and Isaac Little, with assists by Smith, Hall, Clements, Isaac Little, Cole Prentice, MacNaull, Alex Little and Braeden Robinson.

The team headed back to Stirling on Feb. 16, finishing the series with another 7-4 win. Goals were scored by Isaac Little (3), Smith, Clements, Hall and Cole Prentice, assists by Paul Turner, Isaac Little, Clements, Smith, MacNaull, Aaron Bellefleur, Alex Little, Hall and Morissette.

Joe Boice and James Alexander, who are both out with injuries, are wished a speedy recovery! Hope you are both back on the ice by the next series!

A shout out to 'Big E' Ethan Glecoff for a fantastic effort keeping the puck out of the net as well as Coach Morissette and his coaching team in helping the boys in their success!

Round three starts the weekend of Feb. 28 against either Listowel or Elmvale for the all-Ontario semi-finals!

Let's go Storm!

Highland Storm

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Monday afternoon, Feb. 9

Men: High avg: Claude Cote – 212
High single: Claude Cote – 243
High single handi: John Whitty – 274
High triple: John Whitty – 596
High triple handi: John Whitty – 692

Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 175
High single: Chris Cote – 195
High single handi: Chris Cote – 234
High triple: Chris Cote – 481
High triple handi: Anne Lampman – 625

Monday night, Feb. 9

Men: High avg: Rick West – 205
High single: Doug Reinwald – 282
High single handi: Jim Therrien – 325
High triple: Connor Cowan – 759
High triple handi: Connor Cowan – 861

Women: High avg: Cathy Snell – 220
High single: Cathy Snell – 272
High single handi: Linda Therrien – 287
High triple: Cathy Snell – 603
High triple handi: Linda Therrien – 776

Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 10

Men: High avg: Claude Cote – 213
High single: Claude Cote – 244
High single handi: Chris Hill – 270
High triple: Claude Cote – 652
High triple handi: Claude Cote – 682

Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 177
High single: Anne Lampman – 211
High single handi: Anne Lampman – 280
High triple: Anne Lampman – 489
High triple handi: Anne Lampman – 696

Wednesday Special Olympics, Feb. 4

Men: Brandon Bailey – 142
Ross Anderson – 139
Jason Cochrane – 134

Women: Sarah Hudson – 133
Dawn Piercey – 130
Carrie Crego – 110

Thursday, Feb. 12

Men: High avg: Gerry Wagg – 177
High single: Don Chapman – 261
High single handi: Don Chapman – 311
High triple: Jim Cummings – 568
High triple handi: Ray Lymer – 711

Women: High avg: Pat Stiver – 170
High single: Pat Stiver – 214
High single handi: Pat Stiver – 257

High triple: Gloria Wagg – 539
High triple handi: Gloria Wagg – 689

Friday afternoon, Feb. 13

Men: High avg: Ken Thompson – 201
High single: Robert Cullen – 219
High single handi: Bruno Campagnolo – 294
High triple: Ken Thompson – 561
High triple handi: Robert Cullen – 720

Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 174
High single: Ren Higgins – 219
High single handi: Ren Higgins – 269
High triple: Ren Higgins – 544
High triple handi: Ren Higgins – 694

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Photo submitted by Paula Reid

Izac Reid in a fight for top spot

Despite his domination at the track this year, Izac Reid still has a race on his hands. Reid competed in the Royal Distributing Cup in Barrie over the long-weekend. In the Junior 1 class, he won his first race, and came in second in both the second heat and final races. Both of those he lost to Jake Weir, who overtook Reid in the standings by two points. In Junior 2, Reid continued his assault on the rest of the class, winning all three of his races and putting more distance between himself and second place, also held by Weir. As the season goes on, Reid currently sits in second place in Junior 1, and first in Junior 2. He and Weir will continue their battle for the championship on Feb. 28 in Subury. Pictured above: Izac Reid gets big air off a jump during the Royal Distributing Cup in Barrie.



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: An “old timer,” left, tries to steal the puck away from a Highland Storm player. Above: Councillor Ron Nesbitt lends a hand with the “chuck-a-puck” fundraising game.

Hockey players remember Dawson

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Nearly \$400 was raised through the generosity of the community and a few hockey players at this year’s Dawson’s Game. Held on Feb. 14 at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden, the sixth annual event featured a recreational hockey game pitting the Old Timers against the Highland Storm Midget A team. The Old Timers won the game by a score of 10-6. “For our family it’s a big honour,” said Scott Hamilton, father of the late Dawson Hamilton. “He was a big hockey fan, loved the game. He’d be honoured that we’re still carrying on this game in his memory.” In 2005, Dawson was diagnosed with

leukemia. He battled cancer up until he passed away on Jan. 10, 2010, just two weeks before his 10th birthday. During his short life, his father said Dawson met many of his hockey heroes, including Haliburton native Matt Duchene. “[Matt] was a big help to Dawson, keeping his spirits up,” recalled Scott. “It was just great the way the community came together and bonded behind him.” Scott said the tournament got its start with the help of Minden’s volunteer fire department and other volunteers. “From there it just took off,” he said. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to help build a ball and ice hockey rink behind the arena in the future.

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Sun shines on Frost Fest...

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Head Lake Park came to life with children, adults and families on Feb. 14 for the seventh annual Frost Festival.

With sunny skies and temperatures at a mild -10 C, the free, family-friendly event offered a little bit of everything for those of all ages. Some of the activities included ice fishing, pony rides, forging demonstrations and skating in the park around an oval rink.

"I think it went really well," said event organizer Andrea Mueller. "The attendance

definitely peaked in the late morning, early afternoon."

Mueller said that the Frost Fest's ambassador, Steve Hill, spoke to many out-of-town visitors over the course of the day.

The third annual Polar Bear Challenge, hosted by the Haliburton & District Lions Club, was also a popular attraction.

Mueller confirmed the event will take place again next year.

"What I'd like to see is some new things – anything that brings people out," she said, adding that it would be great to see more local businesses get involved.



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Families skate around an oval rink in the centre of Head Lake Park. Above: Rails End Gallery executive director Laurie Jones shows children how to make snow art as part of Art Attack.



Photo by Mark Arike

Ice car racers compete at the Minden Fairgrounds.

...but Winterfest freezes

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Not too many local residents or visitors were interested in outdoor activities at this year's Winterfest due to extremely cold temperatures.

"There were a few brave souls that came out to play a game of baseball, but that was it," said event organizer Elisha Weiss.

The seventh annual event was held on Feb. 15 at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden. Although the festivities were supposed to include several outdoor games and contests, such as a sno-pitch tournament, frisbee golf and a cardboard box derby, only the indoor

activities drew participants.

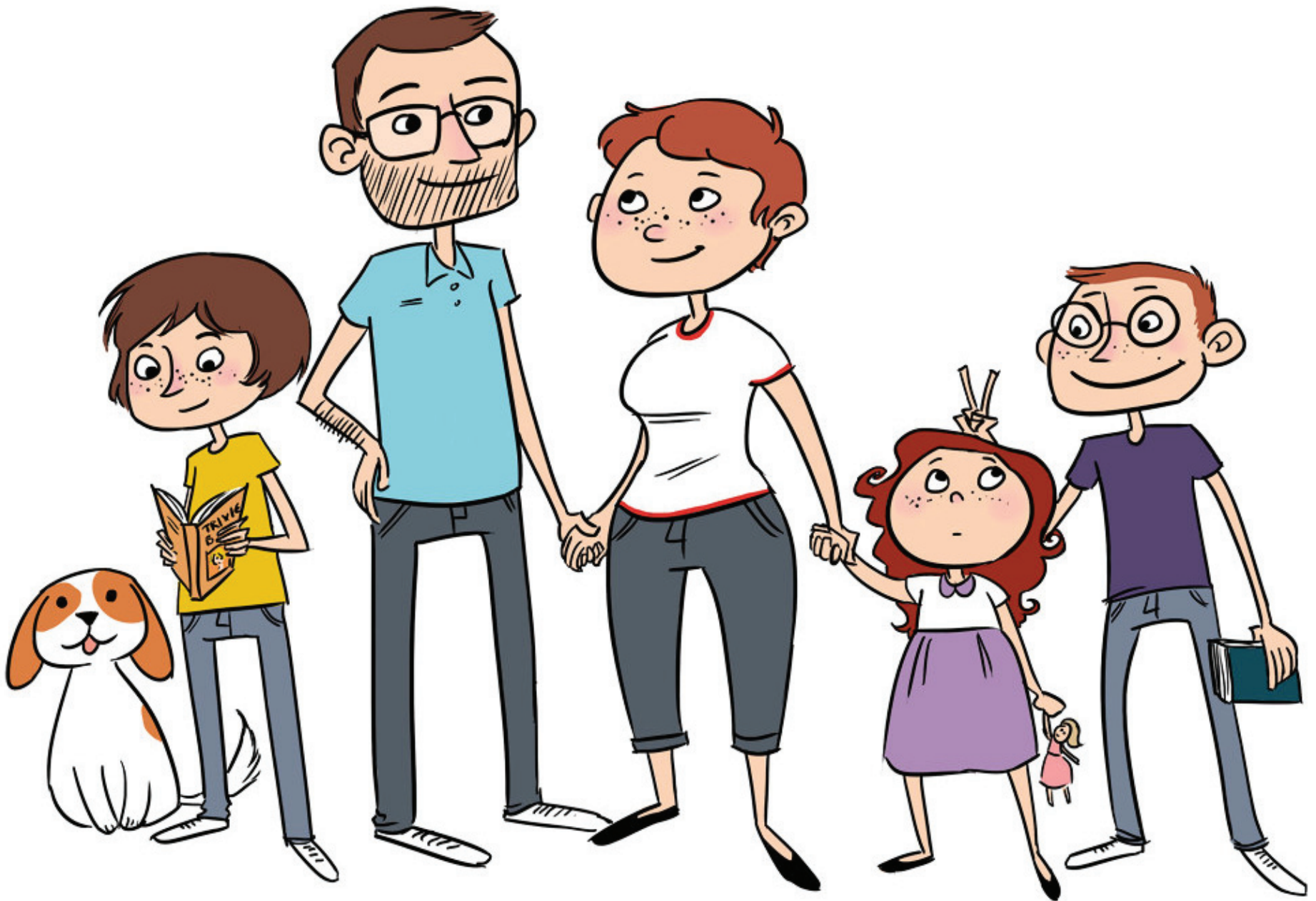
Weiss said the morning's pancake breakfast, shinny broomball and public skating were well-attended.

"The weather can't be predicted, and when events are being offered outside we just need to stay flexible and hope for the best," she said.

During the evening, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre hosted the first Fire and Ice event for adults. According to cultural centre curator Laurie Carmount, 55 people were in attendance.

Festivities included scotch, wine and beer tasting, and a spicy food challenge featuring local restaurants. Suwan's Thai Cuisine took first place in the challenge.

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Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment (RZ-15-01)
1112 Red Umbrella Road

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as 1112 Red Umbrella Road and being located in Part of Lot 13, Concession 11 in the Geographic Township of Minden (see Key Map below).

AND TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Rural (RU). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to Shoreline Residential (SR). Recently, a provisional consent (File H-026-2014) was granted to sever portions of the subject property for addition purposes to an adjacent undersized parcel of land. The application for rezoning has been submitted to meet the conditions of the provisional consent and will allow both the severed and retained parcels to comply with the Townships Zoning By-law.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – RZ 15-01
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2015
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Municipal Council Chambers,
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m or by calling Mr. Ian Clendening at 705-286-1260 (ext.206).

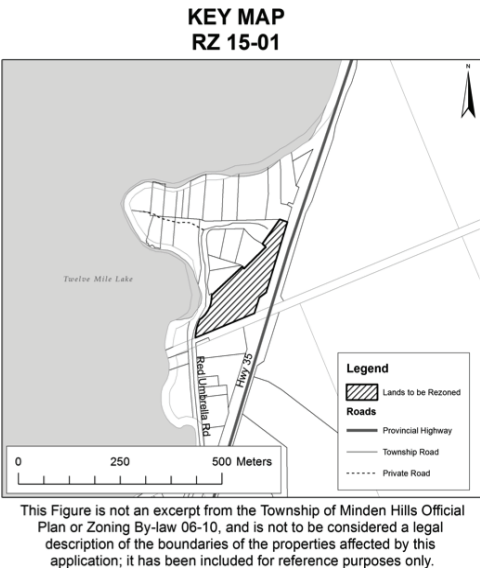
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DATED this 18th day of February, 2015
Ian Clendening
Planner
7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359
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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & Public Meeting
9192 Highway 118
Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment (RZ-15-02)

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as 9192 Highway 118 and being located in Part of Lot 15, Concession 13 in the Geographic Township of Minden (see Key Map below).

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Hamlet Residential (HR). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to Highway Commercial. The effect of the amendment is to permit a dog grooming establishment, a take-out restaurant, and other such uses permitted within the Highway Commercial (C1) Zone.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – RZ 15-02
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2015
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Municipal Council Chambers,
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

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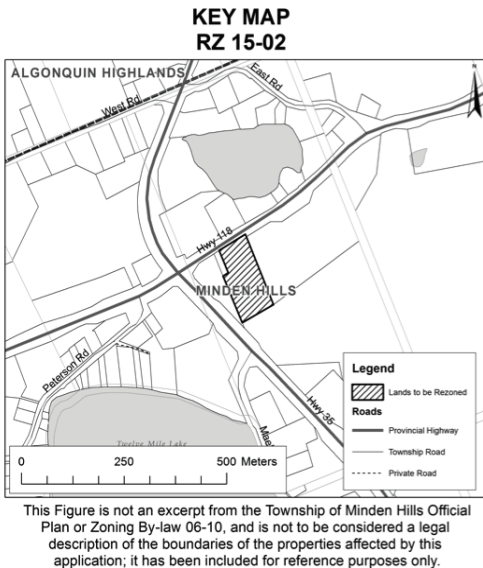
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June 8 1942 - Feb 22 2014

We thought of you today
But that is nothing new
We thought of you yesterday
And will tomorrow too
We think of you in silence
And make no outward show
For what it meant to lose you
Only those who love you know
Remembering you is easy
We do it every day
It's the heartache of losing you
That will never go away
Till we meet again

Love Kathy and family

Highlanderclassifieds

LOST

Over the past few weeks a set of keys were lost in Haliburton Village. 5-6 keys with a car fob remote, a Disney character on one. Important that they are found and returned. Please call 705-457-2900. (FE19)

EVENTS

PIRATES OF PENZANCE Tickets now available at Cranberry Cottage and Minden Pharmasave. Performances at Northern Lights Pavilion. April 16th, 17th, 18th at 7:30pm, 19th 2:00pm. Call Jim Frost at 705-457-4031 (TFN)

EVENTS

VON Smart Exercise Program. Tuesdays 11:00am - Hyland Crest, Thursdays 1:00pm - Echo Hills. Call Carol for more information 705-457-4551 (TFN)

EVENTS

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX Haliburton Legion every Thurs. starting Feb 19 to April 23. 9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wilberforce Legion every Wed. starting Feb 18 to April 22 2 to 3:30 pm Volunteer Marlene Watson 705 455 9708 (AP16)

HELP WANTED

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MINDEN

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Auto Parts Counter Associates
Cashiers
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Start date of each position and hours available per week vary. Please email your resume and the position you're applying for to joannec@cantire682.com or drop off your resume at the store.

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Mr. Baggins is an older gent, he is neutered and has no claws. He would love a home that is quiet and has a lap to cuddle in.

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NOTICE

MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, February 26th, 2015 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

- File No. SRA-12-06**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9709, registered January 23, 2015.
- File No. SRA-14-04**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 31, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9711, registered January 23, 2015.
- File No. SRA-14-05**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9710, registered January 23, 2015.
- File No. SRA-14-06**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 13, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9532, registered August 8, 2013.
- File No. SRA-14-07**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 12 & 13, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 & 9, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9532, registered August 8, 2013.
- File No. SRA-14-09**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 12 & 13, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 3, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9532, registered August 8, 2013.
- File No. SRA-14-13**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of the Gull River, lying in front of Lot 5, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9708, registered January 22, 2015.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place noted above, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 11th day of February, 2015.

Ian Clendening, MPI.
Planner

OBITUARIES



Elva Robinson

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

It is with great sorrow we announce the passing of a much loved wife, mother, and grandmother at Extendicare - Haliburton on Saturday February 14, 2015 at the age of 85. Precious and very loving wife to the late John Donald (Don) Robinson. Beloved and devoted mother of Lynda Porter and her husband Robert (Bob) of Haliburton and Jeffrey (Jeff). Much loved grandma of Jennifer and Chris Porter. "We'll be loving you always."

PRIVATE GRAVESIDE SERVICE

A Private Graveside Service will be held at a later date at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or Extendicare - Proud Pioneers would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.



www.communityfuneralhomes.com

What's on

February 22, 2015 2:00 pm
at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

the Mask Messenger
by Faustwork Mask Theatre

presented by Prologue to the Performing Arts

The Mask Messenger is a tour de force solo performance that utilizes theatre, physical comedy, quick-change artistry, and masked transformations in a series of vignettes that range from comic, to tender, to bizarre.

Half-masked characters speak; full masked characters remain silent while speaking volumes with convincing body language and a dancer's grace. This show brims with wisdom and insight, even though at times audiences are laughing too hard to notice.

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for more information see www.razzamataz.ca or call Dawn: 705-854-0728

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\$8 - Adult, \$6 - Child, Kids under 2 - free

Razzamataz Kids' Shows! are made possible in part through generous donations from local businesses and service clubs. Thank you!

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of Commerce presents:



Saturday, February 28
6:00pm - 10:00pm

Pinestone Resort, Haliburton

The Business & Community Achievement Awards recognize businesses, organizations and individuals who have contributed to the betterment of our communities.



WHO ARE THE 2014 FINALISTS?

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March Break FAMILY FUN

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TUESDAY MARCH 17

Maple, Snowshoes & Tomatoes
Learn about syrup production and bread-making

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18

Earthwalk
Reawaken your senses with nature close-up!

THURSDAY MARCH 19

Kids in the Kitchen
We'll explore healthy eating then head outside for some games.

Ages 6-11. All programs run from 11am-3pm and include snacks and crafts. Please bring lunch and water.
COST: \$25 per program or \$60 for all three.

Sign-up online at www.abbeygardens.ca
or call 705-754-4769 before March 15

What's on



File photo

Participants in last year's "Win, Lose, Draw" contest sketch a mannequin.

Ease the winter blahs with STAYcation

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Anyone interested in self-expression and exploring their creative side will be able to immerse themselves in the second annual Artlover's STAYcation.

Taking place from Feb. 26-28 at the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre, this year's art escape will feature nine sessions on creativity, the business of art and the making of art.

"People have very full calendars and

sometimes forget that there is always time to live creatively," said Arts Council board member Chris Lynd. "We planned our sessions to be bite-sized bursts of inspiration, information and fun."

A joint initiative of the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands and the Rails End Gallery, STAYcation workshops are led by members of either organization. Watercolour art, felting and even yoga will be part of the schedule.

"In planning this event, we hoped to attract the curious-minded seekers, artists, craftsmen, dabblers and makers,"

explained Lynd. "No matter our personality or motivation, we can all come together to learn from each other and share in the artistic life of our community."

In addition to the sessions, last year's popular "Win, Lose, Draw – Fight Nite" will return to the gallery on Thursday at 7 p.m. In it, artists of all skill levels will square off in a timed drawing contest with the winner determined based on audience applause.

"Live models, an irreverent ringmaster, popcorn, hotdogs and beer and fun and laughter await those who attend this

ringside event," said Lynd.

The sessions range from \$5-15, depending on material fees. The fee to take part in all three days is \$65.

Lynd said the sessions are so affordable because the artists leading them are donating their time.

"They have all expressed a keen interest in being part of this artful event and seeing it grow into an annual event that brings people interested in art together to learn and celebrate," she said.

For more information or to register visit railsendgallery.com or call 705-457-2330.

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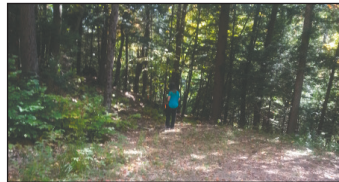


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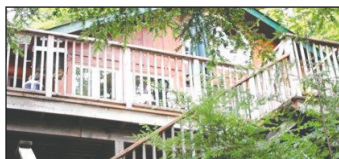
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HALIBURTON VILLAGE \$279,000



- Spacious 5+ bedrooms with many upgrades
- On Highland Street across from the LCBO
- Commercial zoning
- Many potential uses

DRAG LAKE COTTAGE \$324,500



- Charming 3 bedroom back split cottage with large screened Muskoka Room and a bunkie. Enjoy miles of boating and fishing on Drag and Spruce Lakes.

HIGHWAY 118

\$136,500



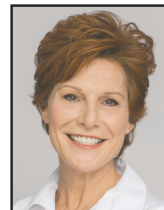
- Approximately 2,600 feet frontage on #118
- Driveway installed with pole and meter
- Maple and Oak – logging potential
- Snowmobile trail and 2 lakes nearby
- Great site to build or for hunt camp

FOUR MILE LAKE

\$429,000



- 180 acre farm property
- Year round municipal road
- 1,500 feet of shoreline
- Somerville Con. 6 at Shuttleworth
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- Stunning custom built (2008) 4-season cottage/home
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- 95+ acres of mixed bush
- 544 sq. ft. cabin with screened porch
- 2 ponds, abundance of wildlife
- ATV trails throughout
- Year round access
- Located close to Sir Sam's resort



PRIME OPPORTUNITY \$200,000

- Long term "Brewer's Retail" tenant
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- Loading dock
- Overlooking Gull River
- On town water and sewer
- Great investment!



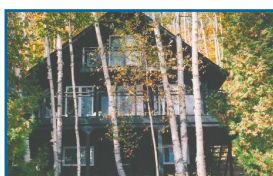
POTENTIAL HOBBY FARM \$249,900

- 2 bedroom home
- 6+ acres
- 24' x 24' garage
- 32' x 20' barn with hydro
- 29' x 20' Quonset hut
- Close to village of Minden



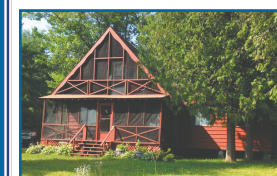
3 LAKE CHAIN! \$264,900

- 2 bedroom cottage plus Bunkie
- Detached garage
- Clean waterfront
- Lakeside docking area
- Level treed lot on a chain lake
- Value priced comes turn-key!



AT WATERS EDGE \$349,900

- 2 bedroom, 1,580 sq. foot cottage
- 105 feet of clean sand shoreline
- Sunrise view
- Interlocking stone/brick patios, treed
- Lower level walkout, storage she
- Lakeside decking with glass panels



ROCKY POINT \$349,900

- 3 bedroom, 1,714 sq. ft. cottage
- Rocky point lot with 210' frontage
- Open concept, stone fireplace
- 2 screened porch areas
- Detached garage
- Easy access off municipal paved road



4 SEASON RETREAT \$395,000

- 3+ bedroom, open concept ranch-style home
- Child safe shoreline, expansive views
- Front and rear decking
- 1,800 sq. ft. living space
- Year round easy access



4 SEASON RETREAT \$424,900

- 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 1,218 sq. ft.
- 231 feet of waterfront, 2.16 acres
- Master bedroom with walk-out to deck
- Pine floors, central air
- Large lakeside deck and dock areas



FABULOUS COUNTRY HOME \$399,000

- 3+ bedroom, 2.5 bath
- 3,923 sq. ft. living space
- Close to beaches, skiing, & fine dining
- Sunroom, hardwood floors, games room
- Lower level walkout to gorgeous yard
- Many recent upgrades, year round comfort



PERFECT BEACH! \$489,900

- Stunning 4 season home or cottage
- Level, well treed lot on 3 lake chain
- 2,300 sq. ft. living space 3 bedrooms, 2 bath
- Finished lower level with lakeside walkout
- Double garage
- Heated workshop, shed & toy house!



PRIVACY ~ 5 LAKE CHAIN \$574,900

- 4 bedroom, 3 bath
- 3,200 sq. ft. of living space
- 187 feet of sand and rock shoreline
- Year round access, sunset views
- Skylights, finished walk-out lower level
- Detached double garage with finished loft



MAJESTIC SETTING \$800,000

- 4-season, 3 bedroom, home/cottage
- 265 ft. clean sand shoreline, 1.35 acres
- Separate 2 bedroom, 1 bath Bunkie
- Dry slip boathouse with sauna
- Oversized double garage, games room
- Stunning views